

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	First use of alcohol before age 13, high school students
Demographic Group	Wisconsin public high school students
Numerator	The number of high school students who reported on the Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey that they were younger than 13 years old when they first used alcohol.
Denominator	All high school students who responded to the Wisconsin YRBS in the relevant year or years.
Details about Data Item	<p>In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the “+/-“ column) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent of high school students who used alcohol before age 13. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals.</p> <p>YBRS question: “How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than a few sips?” (Note: “Never had a drink of alcohol other than a few sips” is a possible response.)</p>
Other Data Information	The Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey is administered through collaboration between the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). All public schools in Wisconsin containing grades 9-12 are included in the high school sampling frame. Schools are selected with probability proportional to enrollment in grades 9-12. All students in classes selected within each school are eligible to participate. The results are weighted to represent the overall population of Wisconsin public high school students.
Data Source	Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey, Department of Public Instruction; U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
Additional Information	Additional information about the Wisconsin YRBS can be found on the Department of Public Instruction Web site (http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlsea/sspw/yrbsindx.html).